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WHEN YOU COME BACK (continued)

In the chart you will notice that with only one exception all of the C. E. D. member towns in the listed cities expect to have more men employed after the war than in 1940. The percentage increase varies from 17% to 111%, but the average is just under 34.5%. If these cities are typical of the whole country and the optimistic estimates prove to be reliable, then the percentage of increase in employment after the war will be more than enough to eliminate unemployment. The immediate future should at least offer reasonable prosperity and a chance to work for every workman who wants it.

The longer-range possibilities, of course, are even more obscure. The C. E. D. is making no attempt right now to estimate them. In this respect it cannot be repeated too often that the prosperity of the veterans depends on the prosperity of the country.



What are the individual states doing for veterans?

As you would expect, there is a great difference in the veterans legislation passed by the individual states. Some have gone out of their way to make plans for their return. Others have done nothing. The following is a brief summary of what has been done. As you read it or look up your own state, remember that the state programs are in addition to the federal GI Bill of Rights, not a substitution for it. The industrial firms mentioned are merely examples of what private industry is doing for veterans. No attempt is made here to list all such plans.

Alabama: No major new legislation. The state maintains a State Service Commission, with a main office in Montgomery and branch office in Birmingham. County Service Commissions are also being appointed.

Arizona: Nothing.

Arkansas: Nothing. The Arkansas Service Bureau will help veterans get whatever benefits they are entitled to under federal law.

California: The 1941 Legislature appropriated \$2,000,000 for the education of veterans. It also set up a State Veterans' Commission to study the needs of veterans and to make recommendations to the Legislature. The commission is now working on a bill to provide for the education of veterans.

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Colorado: Nothing. A proposed constitutional amendment giving servicemen preference in public employment will be submitted to the electorate in November. A state service office has been approved to help in problems of rehabilitation.

Connecticut: This state has passed numerous laws for assisting servicemen. Among them are provisions for temporary assistance to any disabled veteran or veteran's dependent, credit preference in examination for veterans, appropriation for Veterans Home Commission, educational allowances of from a year for replace of veterans and veterans' non-attendance on active duty. Medical, hospital, nursing, convalescent and patients care are provided to wives of servicemen who cannot pay for their children. Any veteran who has graduated from an approved law school may be admitted to the bar without examination. By executive order, furthermore, a state non-employment commitment has been set up to help veterans get jobs. The state gives a bonus to every foreign state employee of a year's standing who spends a month or more in the United States. Amount of bonus, \$100.

Delaware: The Delaware Veterans Commission has been formed as a clearinghouse for returning veterans and to make recommendations to the state Vocational Rehabilitation Board. This board will make the facilities of state hospitals and institutions available to all veterans who need help.

Florida: Under a 1939 statute, provision is made for the education of children of deceased war veterans. Qualified veterans can live in state homes up to 60 days and there are service offices available for their assistance in all respects in connection with their choice for benefits. Health insurance will give job preference to veterans in unoccupied jobs like ticket taking.

Georgia: An Agricultural and Industrial Development Board has been set up to help returning servicemen "take their place in the industrial life of the state."

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